

And now some...

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

HOW LONG IS THE SHOW?

Twenty two minutes. Told in two acts.

IS THERE A STORY FORMULA?

Not necessarily. Typically, Sonic and Tails could zip into town while on the run from Robotnik and find the local Mobius residents in trouble. As they get involved in solving the problem, Robotnik hears about them and dispatches his S.S.S.S.S.Squad. Or maybe Robotnik comes himself to take charge of the chase. (Please Note: This doesn't happen too often. The bulk of the humorous gags come at the expense of the henchguys. We want to keep Robotnik as a credible villain, so it is usually his agents who are out in the field, trying/failing, getting squashed, and getting stretched. Robotnik is

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usually in the background, putting the pressure on his bumbling Robot underlings and getting increasingly frustrated and infuriated by their failures.) Sometimes, Coconuts finds Sonic and Tails first and makes a plan to capture them without letting his rivals know. Robotnik or his minions can show up at any stage in the story. If Sonic's involvement with the locals is compelling enough, the fugitive chase can be a late complication in the plot. But the constant chase and capture of the fugitive Sonic provides the main dramatic thrust and "Road Runner" comedy for our series. Some local problems may require you to create local villains. Sonic and Tails are always on the run. They may successfully have escaped their pursuers long enough to spend some time getting involved with a local Mobius problem, but sooner or later they are going to be discovered and have to deal with Robotnik and/or his badniks. Sometimes we might open up on the tail end of an escape from a previous adventure, either totally unrelated to this current episode, ala the James Bond Movies, or, something that will later be revealed to be part of the plot. We can even utilize an escape gimmick which we reprise at the climax of the episode.

JUST WHAT ARE THE MOBIUS RESIDENTS LIKE?

Basically, they are animal-based humanoids. Think of it this way. Instead of just evolving from apes like homo sapiens, the Mobius residents evolved from every other species, retaining more of their animal features. The mayor of a jungle village would probably be a lion who walks on two legs. He might have a problem with some Gorilla Fighters. But this isn't pre-school cutesy time. Like the teenage Sonic, the Mobius residents have very contemporary attitudes and very human characteristics. And so do the robot villains. Robotnik? He's a human -- as human as you can be when your DNA gets mixed with rotten eggs. Obviously, on a planet with such a varied evolutionary history, you might find some fascinating new creatures that only an imaginative writer like you could dream up. Be our guest.

WHAT'S THE TECHNOLOGY?

Robotnik is a technological genius so he has all the machines and communications devices you can imagine, all of it dark, menacing, oppressive. The rest of Mobius is a mix, ranging from some very modern towns down to some remote jungles where the technology is more Flintstone-ish.

WHAT IS SONIC'S REPUTATION ON MOBIUS?

He's definitely the most famous Freedom Fighter on the planet. But not every place he goes has heard of him. Sometimes he's recognized, sometimes he isn't -- whatever best serves your story.

Sometimes a village of Mobius citizens might be afraid of Sonic at first and then won over when they realize he is there to help them. Of course, when Robotnik plasters big reward posters all over a particular part of the countryside he has a hard time NOT being recognized. If the ordinary people do recognize him as the legendary Sonic, the brave ones will help him, just as the local citizens helped Robin Hood evade the Sheriff.

DO WE EVER LEAVE THE PLANET MOBIUS?

Nope. It's an Oz-like world of great variety in a far distant galaxy. If you've got a great story, Mobius has the geography and the characters to do it. But that's not to say that visitors from other planets can't arrive for visits on Mobius.

WHAT'S THE MAIN MOTIVATION OF EACH CHARACTER?

Sonic wants to travel around the planet, help people in trouble, and stop Dr. Robotnik. He also wants to have fun.

Tails just wants to be with his hero and emulate him in every way.

Robotnik wants to conquer Mobius and get rid of the one heroic hedgehog whom he knows has the abilities to thwart him and the charisma and leadership to crystallize others into resisting.

Coconuts wants to capture Sonic and get back in Robotnik's good graces.

Scratch and Grounder want to please Robotnik and prove to each other that they're Robotnik's favorite.

STORY SPRINGBOARDS

Sonic and Tails stumble into a convention of Bounty Hunters -- just as Robotnik arrives to address the convention and announce a huge new reward for Sonic, dead or otherwise.

Tails gets super-glued to a train track by Robotnik's badniks and a train loaded with mining explosives is headed straight for him and for the peaceful village below. Sonic has to come to the rescue, but the track is also boobytrapped with some ultimate Sonic-catching devices.

Someone has stolen a priceless emerald and Sonic is accused of the crime and sent to jail. Tails helps him escape and Sonic turns detective to find the real culprit.

Sonic rescues a charming young teenage girl and she takes him home so her parents can thank him. Her jealous boyfriend decides to turn in Sonic to Robotnik's S.S.S.S.S.Squad and collect the huge reward.

A Mobius village is being torn apart by a feud between two rival teen-age gangs. Sonic gets caught in the middle when each gang thinks he's on the side of the other.

A remote Mobius village is losing its water supply as a beautiful nearby lake is rapidly drying up. Sonic has to go underwater

through the game-like labyrinth to discover that Robotnik is pumping out the water from the bottom of the lake.

Tails has a problem. A two-year-old Mobius villager decides to tag along after Tails just the way Tails tags after Sonic. The problem is, the tot's ferocious father and big brothers think Sonic and Tails have kidnapped the kid.

Robotnik sends a team of Badnik Robots to play a baseball game against the Mobius Village League champions. There's a big prize at stake -- survival. If the local boys lose, Robotnik gets to control the whole town. The score is Robotnik's Rowdies 99 and the locals zip when Sonic sneaks into the lineup.
